

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2002**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Bill Goins, Darrin McGowan, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Byrne was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the July 2, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Goins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \*\***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Met with Gove Associates and Ara last week concerning the Housing Needs Assessment. A few corrections were made and the final study should be completed by the end of July or the first of August;
- Received a final opinion from INDOT on the "jake brake" statute. The State has ordered all signs with the words "jake brake" or "electronic brake" removed from all State highways;
- Bridges and Copley met with the Rush County Assessor, the Auditor, and Jenny Whipple concerning the reassessment for Rush County. Bridges said this will be a very difficult year to figure the budget. The numbers are not in yet from the State and we will have to estimate many figures for income and assessed values;
- This Friday from 1 pm to 3 pm there will be a promotional group from the World Basketball Championship in Rushville. There will be 15 young men and women participating in the "Dream & Dribble" tour. Jennifer Marlo, former RCHS Basketball All-Star, who also played for Butler University for 4 years, and is now coaching at Carmel High School, will be emcee for the event;
- Received a letter from the Rush County Community Foundation thanking the City for their annual contribution to the Foundation.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Park** – Mathews asked Council if there would be anyone interested in being on a committee to put together a City employee pool party. He said the date he had in mind was August 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mathews was considering sending out a questionnaire to see how much interest there would be among the employees. Goins volunteered to help Mathews. Goins also volunteered Councilman Byrne to help him and Mathews.

Bridges said at the pool they are now having an adult swim night on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:00. The cost is \$1.00. Also Wednesday evenings will be family night. The first time is a free night. August 4 will be Raymond Gibson Day at the pool, which will be a free swim.

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS \* \* \***

**Truck Route 600-700 block of W 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Foamcraft Building** – Bridges received a concern from an area resident that there was a need for a truck route to the old Foamcraft building because the trucks are running up over the curb into the yards. After discussion it was decided that this was the only access to the building. Bridges asked Fudge and the safety committee to review the matter to see if they could come up with some other suggestion.

Pavey had a concern about a stop sign and asked Fudge to look into the matter.

McGowan had a concern about the mosquitoes at Tom Green Tire. He has a call into IDEM and Ryan Cassidy and will report back.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Public Hearing Warner Rezone** – Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the rezone of the two lots owned by Robin Warner that he has petitioned to rezone from commercial to residential. There were no comments from the audience. Sheehan made a motion to close the public hearing. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan then made a motion to approve the rezoning from commercial to residential. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Widening of 600 Block of E 9th Street** – Fudge passed out a report showing his findings on any accidents or parking problems in this area. In an eleven-year period there have been no accidents and only 2 calls concerning a parking problem in the last eleven years. Fudge said that he did not see any dire concern at this time, and would be better accomplished when the Street Department does paving in this area. Goins agreed with Fudge stating that it would be very costly and that they also needed curbs and sidewalks.

Bridges said he had a call from Ruby Mahaffey stating that she was in favor of widening the street.

Sheehan made a motion to accept Fudge's recommendation. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Heart of Rushville** – Jim Payne gave a short presentation to Council concerning the Heart of Rushville. Payne requested a donation of \$5,000.00 from the City.

**2003 Salary Ordinance** – After discussion on salaries for the year 2003, Sheehan made a motion to give a 3% pay raise, with the understanding that this could be cut later if necessary. This was the first reading. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Rural Development Grant** - Bridges told Council that the Board of Works made a recommendation to the Council to allow the Mayor to make an application for a Rural Development Grant that could be helpful in the event that the annexation on the South side of town goes through. The City is under no obligation by sending in an application. Pavey made a motion for the Mayor to make an application for the grant. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** - McGowan made a motion to approve all claims including 4 additional claims for the Skateboard Park that will be paid from the donations received. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Goins made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER